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Re: A (partial) antidote for tough conditions - dapping in nooks and crannies

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Quote:

808transplant wrote:

At some point, maybe it's just time to fish a spinning rod...It's like trying to fish extremely heavy patterns on a fly rod. Sometimes the spin gear is just better. If we're going through all this trouble to put a fly reel on a spin rod and not cast it in the first place, why bother? I was under the impression that we're all here because we like to fly fish, not jury rig spinning rods.

I'm not sure if you are referring to the fact that I had a spinning-rod blank I was using, or just making a general statement, but I'll take a rod that can toss buggers and dap buggers on any day over a spinning rod/reel combo. In a lot of ways, dapping is nothing more than extremely close tight-line nymphing. I generally fish small waters and as stated, like the shorter rod for close quarters on those streams. Try casting a bugger twenty feet on your standard spinning setup with spinning line - it is not going to happen. But, with this setup, you can both fish closely and cast farther for the bigger pools.

If you have trouble fishing heavy patterns on a fly rod, up the weight of the rod you are using. It is a chore to toss a bass bug or bugger on a 3wt. It is a bit more of a breeze to throw the same fly with an 8wt.

By the way, I am known to mix things up a bit. I have fished a spinning reel on a fly rod when I couldn't buy a fish casting flies (and caught a fish on the first cast with the spinning reel). And as you can see on the photo in this thread, the fly reel goes nicely with the Tennessee handle and rings on an original spinning rod. There's something satisfying to using a somewhat unorthodox mix of gear. In the end, if it fools trout, I like it.